



Docket No.: 953.1011

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Hitoshi SATO et al.

Serial No. 10/659,252

Group Art Unit: 1764

Confirmation No. 3550

Filed: September 11, 2003

Examiner: Unknown

For: EXHAUST HAS PURIFYING METHOD AND EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: